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Little Memorial

Of Life and Experience

From Birth to Old Age.

By Calvin Green.

I have found the gospel to be,
The power of God unto salvation. Scriptures.

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Little Memorial &c

Being now about to enter the last year of that age, which was specified by that good Father of sacred History - Moses as the general life of Man; and having received friendly requests to leave some token of life as a remembrance - I feel disposed to write with my own hand - A short Memoir of my life. As a small Testimony of my experience in the blessed gospel - and of my love to with my entire and sacred devotion of soul and body, in building up, and extending the sublime and glorious Institution of Shakerism. The Kingdom of Heavens dominion among men on earth, which being joined to the heaven above ultimates in the Eternal Kingdom of God. This with my everlasting love and best blessing I dedicate, to the lovers and

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soers of Shakerism, That glorious name
of immortal fame. May it ever be mine,
Forever be it thine. A true Shaker.

This October 11. 1859. Is my Birth day I
have live 79 years in this probationary world
this day, True I was born the tenth day of the
month as time was then reckoned, but as
it was in the preceding century, I must now
set the time one day forward, or not reckon
the day of the year in which I was born;
For there are now twelve days added in the
new style. It may be well for all who were
born in the last century to remember this fact.

My birth place was in a log hut; There
were then scarcely any others in these parts,
near the south end of the East mountain
right on the top, in the Town of Hancock
State of Massachusetts about two miles
south east of our Church, and near a

3 mile west of the West family of the Society
of Shakers, in Hancock, this fortunately
took place the same year that the gospel opened in
this favored land and region; which the
providence of God and the out-pouring of his
spirit, had prepared. I was Born just four
months and twenty two days after the first
public discourse was delivered, opening the
testimony of the Gospel; and the general opening
began in America.

According to the testimony of my Mother
when she was young, she fell under great
trouble of mind about her sinful state, and
earnestly sought for some way to find accep-
tance with God and be saved from that state,
but could find none. While in such exercises
of mind, she saw in a night-vision an
admirable woman of most lovely appearance,
followed by a large flock of sheep clothed

with the clearest and whitest wool her⁴
eyes ever saw; these the woman baited with
something that resembled salt, which they
ate from her hand. she was struck with wonder
and viewed the woman very attentively, but
could never discern its meaning untill she
saw Mother Ann, and beheld her baiting the
clean and beautiful flock of Believers with
the saving gifts of God; She was also a zealous
subject of that powerful revival which pro-
ceeded the opening of the gospel in these parts,
but it failed to save her from sin.

In the spring of 1780, she heard of a people
above Albany, who said they did not commu-
nize, as this was what she desired to find,
she was among the first that went to see
those strange people; Mother Ann met
her at the door, led her in and seated her
by her own side; while she was singing and

2 under graceful operations of heavenly power,
she saw that Mother was the very woman
that she had seen in her vision, and was
convinced beyond a doubt that she had the
Testimony and power of eternal life, that
which she had long sought in vain.

But having rather alluring prospects
in the world, for her parents were of the
respectable and wealthy rank for those
times, and she was a school teacher, and
had useful trades, weaver and Taylor,
which procured her ready and profitable
employ. These things together with the pro-
pensities of her own nature made it a
great cross for her to set out in that self
denying work which her faith called
her to do, yet her faith and conviction was
so strong and her reason so determined, she would

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on clay but confessed and forsook her sin, and
set out to devote her all, soul and body to
maintain the gospel, which she did in obedience
till she left the scenes of time.

My natural Mother whose name was
Thankful thus set out in the gospel, about
four months and a half before I was born, Our
blessed Mother Ann promised her when she
set out, that if she would obey the gospel, give
up the world and the flesh entirely, she should
suffer none of the pains and usual trouble of
child birth, Accordingly she was under the
operations of heavenly power singing and talking
with other tongues when I was born, raised
none of the difficulties of that birth, thus
Mother's words were verified, these were her
own words, she said after the promise, she
never felt nothing of the incidents common to

That situation, (this was in answer to question
she was very gifted, and as the result - the little
one was under the operations of shaking
power, and immediately
opened his eyes and looked round as if he was
observing what he saw like a grown person,
(Perhaps this was an emblem.) Thus I was born
a shaker, have lived a shaker, and am sure I
shall die a shaker, and live an immortal
shaker; Because that I know in obedience to my
shaker faith, I shall die both to the world
and the nation thereof thus from what I have
gained by this obedience is far, I feel a full
assurance of receiving the fulness of the promise,
that he that loseth his life for Christs sake
and the gospels shall find it unto life eternal.

But I have no supposition that this
remarkable gift with which my Mother was
favoured, proved any innate goodness in her

more than other sisters who devoted all to ^{8.}
the gospel; All the honor it could be to her
resulted from her being sufficiently faithful
to inherit the fulfillment of the wonderful
promise, But this event incontestably proved
the Divine gift, and miraculous power of
our blessed Mother, and for this purpose it is
here recorded. for it was indisputably a mar-
velous miracle dispensed by divine power
thro her agency, and as an undeniable
evidence of its complete accomplishment, the
subject to whom the promise was given, the
same day I was born, walked half a mile to
meeting.

Although I am exceedingly thankful
at every recollection, that I was born in such
a manner as to be early endowed with spirit-
ual impressions; and thereby to make an
early choice, and thus to have the blessed

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privilege by my own choice to devote my whole life to the cause and work of the holy Kingdom of heaven, yet I am far from believing the event of my being born under that supernatural agency, prevented me from being anteriorly formed of the natural elements of this fallen world, or from inheriting all its propensities and experiencing a full share of the alluring and most powerful temptations thereof. But on the contrary as it cannot be reasonably doubted, that the Divine spirit, had a wise design in that distinguished event, preparatory for good purposes, I have no doubt that the assaults of the adversary of all good, have been the more fierce and powerful, with the intent if possible to defeat the intended effect of that preternatural operation.

I was named after Elder
Gilvin Harlow, who had been a

a leading character both in the revival which preceded the opening of the gospel, and among the believers from the beginning. He was also the first Bishop and Father of the circle of Believers which centers at Hancock. My Mother thus named me, as a token of her love and esteem which she felt for him, and account of his virtues and the help he had been spiritually to her and her early needs. The circumstances of Believers in those days were such as to render it expedient for me to be left under the care of my Mother until I was past seven years of age. Believers were then poor

and had to suffer all the
trouble that the malice of the
world could inflict upon them.
They had not then gained either
material temporal subsistence and
consequence, nor the wisdom and
tender feelings of spiritual relation.
Hence the children had to bear
their full proportion for their
tender age of the difficulties of
that trying state. Whilst living
with my Mother I never suffered
for food or raiment, but as she
had to get her support and
sustain to, in great measure by
the labor of her hands, she
had to work where ever her
trades were the most needed.
By reason of the aforesaid

situation of things I had to
live in a large part of the
scattered families of Shakers at
New Lebanon and Hancock. Having
thus to live in many places
as it were among strangers,
and could not always be with
her, I had to experience many
trying scenes incident to that
state, and full opportunity to
see the vast superior state
which Believers afterwards at-
tained in all respects, for which
my soul flows with thankfulness
viewing this state as the
special blessing of God, and
the result of faithful labors.

Whilst under the care of my
mother, she was as kind to

and as any Mother ought to
be to a child. yet she was
very strict in her discipline,
she took much pains to
instill into my tender mind
the principles of virtue, truth
purity, inoffensive and good
conduct - in short it was eviden-
tly her whole aim to implant
that faith and those principles
in my infant soul which
would make me a good Slave
and this feeling she always main-
tained till she left the scenes
of home, I am sure that
those good feelings and early
instructions have been my
advantage to me thro life.
For this I have ever remembered

her with grateful feelings. But
not from maternal affections.
But his reciprocal and just
virtue, to give honor where
honor is due, The spring after
I was seven years old, I was
taken from Mothers care, under
the charge of my maternal
Father ^{who} was a member of the
Church, then just beginning
to be gathered. But I had
to get longer live in out
families for about a year. This
was a trying year. I experienced
much trouble and privations.
which made me think it
was hard times for the poor
little fellow, my faith and
feelings were such, that it

was all my desire to get a
privilege to live in the
church, which was granted
next year, about March I
was gathered into the Church
and my heart flows with grateful
thanks to the giver and protector
of all good, that I have kept
my union with this Pillar
and ground of the truth, from
that day to this, It is the
highest interest and Order,
any soul can obtain on earth.

I will now come to my ex-
perience I have been authenti-
cally informed that when I
was a babe, our blessed Mother
Aunt, took me from my Mother's
arms into her own, and blessed

and also that she set me
upon her hand and carried
me around, and expressed
much feeling and concern
for my welfare. This has ever
felt to me as the real Christ
saying "the little child" ~~still~~
in the completed order and second
appearing of that divine spirit.
In like manner ~~as he~~^{did} in the
small order in his first ap-
pearing.

From these circumstances
and from what I have ever
felt from my earliest remem-
brance, I have believed that
she then implanted faith in
my infant soul. And it has
had an important effect there.

X: Where the South Family's dooryard is now located

life. ever since I can ^{and} remember
my love to Mother has been
wonderful, she has ever looked
to me as the Blessed perfection
of the female Creation. I was
hardly four years old when
she left these mortal scenes,
and have no recollections of
seeing her but once. which
was at meeting in John Bishop
Orchard. * The summer before
I was 9 years old, I cried from
fear of the world, and she
kindly sent one of the young
sisters to carry me away from
my fears; this scene left a
lasting impression upon my
mind, I can truly say. That
I had real faith in, and

correct views of the work and
order of Mother at her decease
as I have now, the same.

These views have appeared to
me in riper years as super-
natural gifts. This continued to
grow with years, and when in my
seventh year, with no visible
instructions or the subject, I had
as clear a sight of the order &
relation of Mother, with the Lord
Jesus, as the bride the Bride the
Lamb's wife, as I have at this
day, and stated it and exp-
lained to my companions. But
my understanding of the prop-
er matters and degrees connected
there with, have increased and
expanded to this time.

From my earliest remembrance
I found that I had faith in
the testimony, which was the
principles and guidance of the
Shakers. This proves the gospel faith
is planted by supernatural agency.
There was some interior element
operating in my very life, which
sensibly taught me that their
testimony and power "was the
gospel of salvation," that it was
the only path that would lead
to godliness, and the final
happiness of heaven. True, my
understanding of the nature
and reasons of the work was
of course very small. yet I am
sure that spiritual intuition
was the true means by which

so much of the nature and reality
of these things was made known in
me as it were my infant life.
And it was over any feeling to
cultivate and increase this
faith and knowledge.

Therefore
these principles grew with in-
creasing years and good instr-
uctions. I saw more and more
the necessity of ^{leading a} life and of virtue,
truth & holiness, and following
that which was good in
all things. By these means I
found a great measure of
protection from the depraved
nature and propensities of
fallen man - from the evils
and sins of this world. yet

as St Paul personates the natural state I found a life in me warring against every principle of faith; and hence I had to experience all the temptation and alluring enticements natural to childhood and youth up to maturity. And it has appeared to me that these could hardly be exceeded in any mortal. I had an extreme aspiration for knowledge, and a very independent mind, and on this ground my trials were very great, here has been my greatest struggles and crises to give up my own life and this way was harder than all the rest, still in all my strug

gles with these temptations, I never
in the least degree had my
faith weakened, but it always
preponderated and continued to
increase. I early found that when
in all cases I obeyed my own in-
ternal faith, it proceeded confid-
ence and happy feelings and I
was thus convinced by this posit-
ive rule that this was the true
path, for I could never find
any peace or happiness in the
least deviation therefrom. There-
fore I followed this faith and
by making my own faculty
for knowledge and independent
will, sub^{re}servient to the will of
God as revealed in the gospel.
I gained more and more of heaven

only light and life, until my
soul became immovably estab-
lished in the kingdom of
heaven on earth, from nearly
my first remembrances I settled
upon this principle for my
guiding star—That what ever
according to my best knowledge
was right I would do it—And
whatever I believed by the same
rule, was wrong I would not do it.
This principle I have ever laboured
to keep sacred—However great the
cross on one side, or let the allu-
rements on the other side be
never so great—And if by any
means I had deviated therefrom
I must confess that I might repent
and return to the aforesaid sure

path. And I testify that it is
the maintenance of this prin-
ciple that has kept me thro
life a shaker. And I will
here assert the same rule
will make every one that
has the privilege of the gos-
pel a shaker if they will
sacredly maintain it. I
think it may not be inap-
propriate to insert here a cir-
cumstance which shows the
real sincere faith of my Mother-
also of my own in early life.
she had a sister married to
a rich man. but they had
no child. For this reason whilst
I lived with her, they urgen-
tly importuned her to give

me to them, promising to bring
me up as a son heir. But
this flattering lure she utterly
rejected. When I afterwards knew
this altho in the fire of youth,
yet this worldly lure weighed no
more in my feelings against
my interest in the gospel, than
a straw would weigh against
possessing a mountain of gold.
I believe I should naturally
have been as ambitious of the
riches, learning and fame of
the world as any one else,
which was never over ruled
only by the sincere determina-
tion to obey my faith.
As aforesaid my strongest
propensities was to get knowled-
ge.

I had a great taste for reading
and literary attainments; but
until I came to maturity
my opportunities were very lim-
ited.

Believers in their poor and
scattered situation were in such
a state that almost precluded
the possibility of having schools
except on a very limited scale.
My Mother learned me to read
the primer thro by the time I
was four years old; but whilst
with her she could learn me
little more except the first rud-
iments of spelling. The winter
after I was eight years of age.
the Believers in New Lebanon sup-
ported a school about 1842

months, to this I went most of the time. and this was nearly all the regular schooling I ever had. I was soon taken into the Church. But in the gathering and building up the Church. the members put so go thro such labor and extreme toil and privation that it left but little room for literary acquirements. yet the children had some time allowed to reading writing &c but quite limited - there never was any organized school in the Church whilst in my minority. But my anxiety was so great to learn all I could. that all the spare time I could possibly

get I improved in reading or some literary study, instead of making use of it for play, I had always rather have my book than my play. When eleven years old I began to have some access to the Bible, and I delighted much in its contents, I felt great attachments to prophetic writing. It also appeared to me that the historical part, as respects the creation &c. from the nature of the subject must be the most reliable of any thing extant. And I will here add that all my reasons preserved to this day, have more and more confirmed that opinion. But I was the most affected by the account of Jesus Christ &

^{the} Apostles. and so assiduous was I
in improving every opportunity of
observing all I read, that I have not
seen a passage in the scriptures
which appeared new to me since
I was eighteen years old, altho my
chances were very scarce, and I had
almost to steal the time.

When I first had a limited
privilege to peruse the New Testament
in contemplating ~~for~~ the faithful
labours of Jesus Christ and his
followers it awakened fervent
feelings in my young soul to
be faithful like them. And for
this purpose tho I was only in
my eleventh year I devoted all
my feelings in obedience to my
leaders and to do right in all

things as if I saw my self in the
immediate presence of the holy
Angels of God. In so doing I felt
indeed as if I was under the
special protection and blessing
of kind guardian spirits, so
that when alone in the dark
I felt indeed as if I was under
the entire protection and blessing
of kind guardian angels, so
that I felt entirely safe. For I
labored all times to do the best
I could to be worthy of the protection
of God thro his ministering angels.
This line of labour and confidence
I am sure has ever been a great
blessing and protecting shield to
me thro life.

And I am free to

say that its my faith that every
Shaker ought to maintain the afore-
said principle, To act as if in the
known presence of Divine Witnesses
and pray for, and feel confidence
in its protecting effect. and fully
believe that they would gain protect-
ing power thereby and the effect would
be according to their faith. For God
has promised to give his Angels
charge over the righteous that
trust in him. No accidents in.
Christ said Father: The awakening
which I experienced at that time
& period, was a real spiritual revival
in my soul and produced convin-
ction of the corrupt state of hum-
an nature. also a child's conversion
for my whole feelings were turned

to do all in my power to overcome its propensities and to live as pure as possible. My conversation and example had quite a reforming effect among my little companions, - was much noticed by the Brethren and approved.

But unfortunately I was exposed to ridicule and false calumnies of some corrupt creatures several years older than I, they hated every thing spiritual and sincere because it was a reproof of their rudeness; hence they did all in their power (even like to ruin me, this prevented ^{in some measure} the good effect which would have otherwise evidently have been the result. yet I never lost the spiri

and views and many gifts and
good impressions which I then
received; whilst those who tried
to destroy them went to the world
where they belonged. This is a serious
warning to all, that ridiculing &
speaking slightly of spiritual gifts
and feelings which show a sincere
conscience, is pernicious and careless
conduct, is liable to destroy souls,
and the danger of going to the
world awaits all who practiced it.

Near the first time of the ^{late} apper-
breaking in the church, when I
was about fifteen Father Joseph came
into the shop where I was to work
weaving and noticed me in a par-
ticular manner. stood by my loom
and asked me a number of que-

mons. also spoke a few encouraging words, ending with this beautiful sentence "Well Calvin always ^{our} remembered that the more good you do, the more good you will gain." This may seem strange but the spirit by which it was spoken: presented it to my soul with such a feeling and idea that I never before had. I felt much pleased with the notice I had never had the like, but did not then realize the design or the effect thereof. But soon after I felt it spring up in my soul with such flows of love & filial affection to Father, as I never had any knowledge of before; for I had never sensed any object that appeared to me so lovely, and near that ever

ever diffused such heavenly feelings and desires into my soul.

From the spiritual effects which I have ever felt therefrom. I have fully believed that Father had a gift to foresee the apostasy which would soon take place, and designed to infuse in my soul, not only protecting power from that baleful issue. But also to implant the seeds of his own spiritual Life, in the proper order of my creation which would if cultivated bring forth fruits. From these I feel sure have sprung up my peculiar order of gifts. especially in the line of public speaking and illustrative writings. For what I then received continued to take deeper and deeper root in the ground

of my heart I grew in all my feelings,
therefore I have always felt the most
filial love to him as my great spir-
itual regenerative Father

Soon after
this time a scene of apostasy began
amongst the young generation. Many
that had always strove for their own
ways, and to be as much like the
world as possible and not be directly
cut off, were carried by that nature
to the world where their treasure
was, yet I never felt the least move
in my faith or determination thereby.
soon after this awful scene subsided,
the youths order was dissolved, and
those whose numbers stood ~~separate~~
the least were mixed with the first
family. tho I had the painful exper-
i-
ence

before of having the Elder of my youth
fall to the world. Yet from this time
I had faithful Elders to instruct me,
who I had read faith in the
Gospel of Christ second appearing
and an intuitive sense of its nature
also had been blest with spiritual op-
erations and heavenly light upon
Divine subjects, even from early
childhood. yet I experienced all the
temptations and alluring charms
of nature common to childhood &
youth in the highest ~~degree~~ ^{degree} and
when verging to manhood I did
not feel as if that positive knowledge
of the real work of God had become
identified with my soul, which
would render it impossible for me
to dispute. Therefore I felt determined

to labor and cry to God continually,
that I might receive a certain
knowledge of the real work &
order of God and salvation, and
of the path that God required me
to walk thro' life, in order to hold
the real birthright of my creation,
and finally inherit my allotted
mansions in ^{the} heavenly world. And
I firmly determined, that if I could
obtain this clear and positive know-
ledge I would obey strictly all its re-
quirements let the cross or sacrifice be
what it might.

I felt fully resolved never
to cease this labor till answered with
a full and unblotted revelation, and
and for six weeks I continued in the
most fervent labor that my soul was

capable of day and night. During which
time it seemed to me that my very
breath sleep and awake was continually
in most earnest prayer to ^{the} God of good-
ness and truth. I laboured faithfully
with my hands and kept every thought
word and deed in the purest state. And
at length it pleased God to grant my
fervent desires by a special gift of his
divine spirit. This was done ⁱⁿ as it were
ⁱⁿ a trance, for I knew not ^{where} ~~whether~~ in the
body or out. But I saw the true nature
and everlasting progress of the work of
God, in this last dispensation of Christ,
the power and wisdom of God, for the
salvation & resurrection of the human
race. This work appeared to me like a bound-
less ocean of the waters of Life compos-
ed of redeeming power and love. I saw

that this endless fountain centered in the
gospel which produced the Church of gen-
uine shakerism. This ocean rolled forward
in waves, one after the other, each with in-
creasing glory without end, and saw that
these living waters would yet flow to all
the world in the degrees of this Eternal
Day. For I saw that each wave unrolled &
desolved a portion of the life and elements
of the inferior order that is the natural
state. Therefore in no other way than by
rejecting ^{the} lusts and propensities of the world
and thus really progressing in the unrolling
waves of spiritual increase, could any soul
ever gain the heavenly state. Therefore I
was fully satisfied and confirmed beyond
any doubt, in the faith of that gospel
revealed in Shakerism, and of my duty
to obey its requirements or never progress to

Transien in the Eternal Kingdom and new
creation of Christ. My interior senses were
opened to revelation by spiritual ^{intuition} instruction
which has from that time been increase.
And ~~feeling~~ my soul baptized into the
elements of eternal life. Nor have I ever
had a shadow of a doubt ~~or of determination~~
on that ground. ^{or wavered in} From that day to this time
And I fervently Pray that all young peo-
ple that have a privilege in the gospel
"they go and do likewise" and I am ~~certain~~
ident - the effect will be the like confir-
mation.

From my early childhood I had
a series of internal impressions that I should
yet be called to be a minister of the gospel
to travel preach and write to propagate
its principles, thereby to gather souls to
the kingdom of Heaven. After some

preparatory gifts which show me that this
event was near at hand. Mother Lucy
called me into a ^uncil of the Elders of
the first family; and informed ^{me} that
with their union she felt a gift to
send me to the gathering order, to be
a mouth to Believers to preach the
gospel & labour to gather souls there,
Accordingly I went in obedience and
faith that it was the gift of God. I
reached the North House, March 10th
1808, in this order I laboured many years
travelled many thousand miles - endeavor-
ing to be a mouth to the Church of
God, and considered myself only as a
messenger thereof. I believe I delivered abo-
2000. discourses, and wrote a great deal
that was published; all to propagate the
knowledge and faith of the gospel. After

many years being in poor health having
ing almost lost my life, I was recalled
back to the Church, having been gone
exactly 23 years 12 days and 8 hours, ^{ing} During
this period this society increased about
twofold and the other societies increased
a great deal, besides the great gathering
in the Western Land.

I have remained in the Church as my
home ever since. have seen all its travail,
and wonderful manifestations and ever
lasting scenes and changes have taken
place. I have also been much employed
in writing publications; besides several
hundred sheets of paper not published
All for the purpose of promoting the
holy cause, And I have full faith to
believe that notwithstanding all unfavor-^{able}
appearances the way is preparing for a

have great increase and ingathering of souls to
this Gospel, may it hasten on. To sum up
the whole matter, I have seen and been
^{observed} an attentive of Shakerism almost from
its first ^{rise} in this land. have proved its
efficacy ⁱⁿ childhood youth manhood and
old age, and can truly test ^{ify} that I have
found it to be the only Saviour of life,
yea I greatly glory in the glorious name
of Shakerism. Father James prophesied
that the Name Shakerism - would get
be esteemed among men as the ~~most~~ high
est prize ^{most} glorious Name on the earth.
by reason of its manifesting effects.

It is a name which the world will
never steal and corrupt as they have
the name Christian. But it shakes
every sense of man and by its operative
progress and in and thro such usefully

bear the Name. a work has been effected^{ed}
and ^{is} becoming more and more evident
to all men that it is above ^{the powers of} nature.
a united system in all things both spir-
itual and temporal. which has been
sought for by all wisdom and powers of
man. in all ages, ^{but without success,} ~~and has ever failed.~~
Therefore the name is more and more
honored and respected among men, so
that ^{the} most wise and learned acknowledge
this order to be the highest attainment
in the moral sense, which exists on
earth. In fact it is the only evidence
of the true disciples of Christ "for it
can only be effected by the unity of
the spirit," flowing from his anointing
Love. the introduction to heaven itself,
into which this unity unerringly guides
the ground of the Eternal Heaven

is where there can nothing be shaken; that
is, in the holy Mount of God, where
the serpent cannot hurt or destroy no
enemy can enter there." No thief can
break thro and steal, the treasures
we have laid up in that Eternal
surety. But the real kingdom of
God we may see is where the hea-
venly elements are flowing ^{that} and cause
its subsistence to form and grow, and
^{where} the principles thereby ^{into} and have
the dominion - yet it is a state of
trial altho these elementary principles
constitute the kingdom of heaven
wherever they reign in the world
still it is only probationary. it is
the medium thro which ^{all souls} must ^{pass}
~~pass~~, that ever find real heaven
in time or eternity. For it is in this

order - that the gospel net is cast into
the sea" that is the living propagating
elements of the world, and gathers all
that it encloses good and bad, then
the separation is progressively made.
The bad is cast back in to the corrupt
elements of the world - the good is gath-
ered and put into vessels, that is into
their mansions in the heavenly state
according to the order of their Creation.
Such souls as gain this immortal order
will possess all the glory and happiness
which they can desire. What then is
shakerism? It is the manifestation
of the Light, elements and creative
power of heaven, whereby the new
heavens and new earth are brought forth
and set in order, by the increasing
operations of Divine wisdom & power.

among men both in the visible and
the invisible world. all must pass
thro this medium. for all souls are
natura^l untill regenerated. whether
in the body or out. The new heavens
are the revealed order formed by the
subsistence^t elements flowing from
heaven itself, which is the world
of eternal substance and perfect
order. Hence the saviour declared.
No man hath ascended into heaven
but he that came down from heav-
en. "Therefore no man can ascend to
heaven of the Eternal substance.
but thro the tabernacle of God" which
in this dispensation of the heavenly
bridegroom and bride, has come down
from heaven to open the way for
the race of man to ascend into
that world whence this glorious tab-
ernacle emanated, and open the only
way to dwell with God.
The new earth is an overthrow of the
celestial and elementary principles,

which are visibly built upon earth
into a united system of Interest
and orders according to the pattern
revealed of the heavens in their in-
ternal order, This is effected by sacred
devotion and united labours of those
who love one another as Christ loved
us., Here the interior and exterior
operate together like soul and body,
and nothing withstanding all discour-
aging appearances and all oppositions from
men or devils. This new creation, will
continue to grow and extend, both
in the providential & spiritual order,
in the world - untill all souls thro
this medium. have a fair privilege
to obey that blessed voice from Heaven
saying - Come up hither. This is Gods
work and it is marvelous in the eyes
of men., Here is the true light of the
world - Here is obtained all the riches
and honors, which will abide with
the souls of men. But ah! a
serious reflection? What wonders

and changeable scenes, the rolling
wheels of time bring forth. When
I was settled in the Church about
the last of March 1790. there was
then an order of Boys numbering
22. of which I was the youngest but
one. of these 10 finally chose their
portion in the vales of Sodom. 12
chose their portion in the inherit-
ance of shakerism of those who made
this choice I were called to be ministers
or Elders. I were Deacons, all proved
useful. But time has taken all these
to a better world. except myself. And
I believe not one of the whole num-
ber is now living on the earth, but
me. At that time there was a large
and able company of Brethren, who
built up and supported the Church.
But these have all gone to receive the
reward of their faithful labours; and
I am the only mate now living on
earth, who was in the Church at
the time aforesaid. Truly "one generation

passeth away, and another cometh;
but the Church of God, will abide
forever, and stand "The Pillar and
ground of Eternal Truth."

Our good Father Calvin Green deceased Oct. 4th 1869
just 7 days before his 89th birth day. About a
fortnight before his decease, he was taken with diarrhea
& having little or no appetite, he gradually weakened
down, without suffering, untill he peacefully
passed away like one in a quiet slumber.
"The infirmities of age could not draw him
down from the life of the Spirit & heavenly
influences." * "My Father! My Father!
The Chariots of Israel & the horsemen thereof"
His visible presence has been like a tower of
strength & the shadow of a great Rock in a weary
Land." His dauntless courage, unwavering
firmness — His constancy & Perseverance —
His kindliness of his spirit, & his ardent
Sincere Devotion to the cause of Good,
constitute a worthy example for all
succeeding generations —

His Intellectual Sen was not impaired

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Natural force of his understanding abated